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A word from our president

So 2009 is coming to an end the next few months and you ask what we have achieved this year? KC Drop Zone has had a very good year with a great deal of potential

entering 2010. We have added a new stage to the fleet that will allow Total Venue to increase it's revenues.

The municipal street sweeping contracts are showing great promises. Salty Dog showed up in November 2009, but at this point we still have not used the rig. We know it will work with a great test result on 71 Hwy a few weeks ago.

I would like to thank all of my employees for a GREAT effort this year.

With all of the changes in our economy we have had to work extra hard to make cash flow. It's a total effort by ALL and we are in the GAME! 2010 will be our best year YET!!! Happy Holiday's to you and yours. GH

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American Companies

Holiday Party

December 19th

6pm @ the shop

Spouses and better halves are welcome.



David Whiteaker

Spotlight Employee David Whiteaker

David Whiteaker is a multitasker who started as a street sweeper helping out on special crew driving Vac Trucks. He then made a leap over to Roll-off driver. He isn't afraid to lend a hand on delivery and pick up on portable toilets. He steps up to help on special events such as Santa-Cali-Gon Days, Lenexa BBQ, Plaza Art Fair and many more! We appreciate David's team effort and positive attitude. Thank you for your continued hard work and leadership at American companies!

Making a sweeping difference in Parkville

We recently completed the street sweeping for the city of Parkville. This was our first time to clean the city of Parkville. The customer was very happy with our service. We would like to say a special thank you to Nate Kinsey, Joe Peterson, Steve Callahan, and Jeff Devono.

Good Job guys!!



Left to right Jeff Devono, Joe Peterson, Nate Kinsey, Steve Callahan

Spotlight employee Joe Bias

Joey Bias is a driver for our transfer station operation down in Booneville, MO. He has shown tremendous hard work, perseverance and a great attitude. Joey is very proud of his 2 kids and 5 grandkids. In his free time he enjoys riding his Appaloosa named Rusty. He became involved with horses at a young age in FHA where he won trophies for barrel racing, poles and many other events. Bias has been driving trucks since he was 18 and finds it to be one of his greatest accomplishments. Looking back over his career, he believes American Companies to be the best company he has worked for. Bias highlights his appreciation of everyone working together in a caring manner and showing genuine respect for each other.



Joey Bias with wife Cheryl Ann

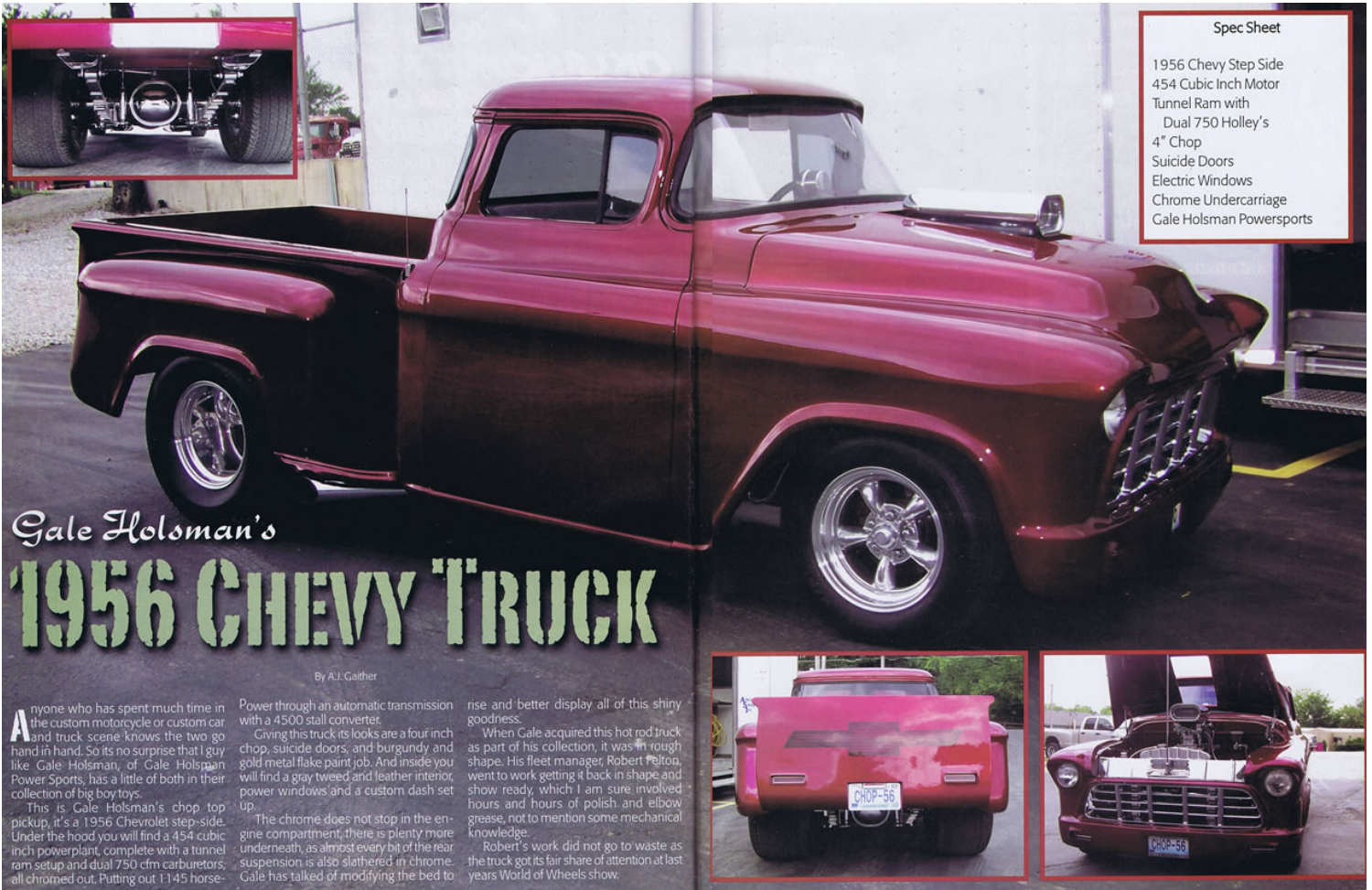
Congratulations Gale!

Gale graduated top of his class at Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School in Gainesville, FL



We are birthing a new race team "GT Holsman Power Sports". This is a very exciting opportunity to expand into yet another venture. I have raced many things in my life—Offshore boats, wing sprints, and quarter mile drag races over the years. Going fast gets in your blood and is very addictive! The sensation is very real and a need to feed. This is what we call getting bit by the bug and boy we really got "chomped" on. I have never had the opportunity to drive a dragster, always a door slammer like our 1967 Camaro the boys run down at KCIR. One Friday morning a few weeks ago I was imagining what it would be like to drive a Super Comp Dragster (looking on the web trying to find a school that will give me the skills to really go fast doing it right). Googled drag racing school and up came Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School. After looking at all of his pages I emailed for information and pricing. They said if I could make the Monday class they would give me a great discount. No question, load the bus let's go to Gainesville, FL. After a few days of class and 6 passes I obtained my license to become a professional Super Comp Dragster Driver. Now comes the work! We need a car, personnel to operate the team, transportation, entry fees and expenses. What kind of schedule depends on which division you want to compete in. We will be looking to compete in the central division 5 with the hope to race a few national events to include Gainesville, FL and Las Vegas, NV. If you have an interest to participate in our new endeavor please let me know. Look for our new web site with blogs and up-to-date news on the going ons with the team. Thanks to Robert Felton, Russ Peterson, Nate Kinsey, Robert Bench and Randy Meyers for all their support to this point. Randy Meyers of Randy Meyers Racing will be the catalyst with our first 240in. BBC Trick Dragster. Randy and Robert will be building this car the next few months with a test and tune for Gainesville race which will be our debut. May 0f 2010 will be here before we know it.

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Spec Sheet

- 1956 Chevy Step Side
- 454 Cubic Inch Motor
- Tunnel Ram with Dual 750 Holley's
- 4" Chop
- Suicide Doors
- Electric Windows
- Chrome Undercarriage
- Gale Holsman Powersports

Gale Holsman's 1956 CHEVY TRUCK

By A.J. Gaither

Anyone who has spent much time in the custom motorcycle or custom car and truck scene knows the two go hand in hand. So its no surprise that I guy like Gale Holsman, of Gale Holsman Power Sports, has a little of both in their collection of big boy toys.

This is Gale Holsman's chop top pickup, it's a 1956 Chevrolet step-side. Under the hood you will find a 454 cubic inch powerplant, complete with a tunnel ram setup and dual 750 cfm carburetors, all chromed out. Putting out 1,145 horse-

Power through an automatic transmission with a 4500 stall converter.

Giving this truck its looks are a four inch chop, suicide doors, and burgundy and gold metal flake paint job. And inside you will find a gray tweed and leather interior, power windows and a custom dash set up.

The chrome does not stop in the engine compartment, there is plenty more underneath, as almost every bit of the rear suspension is also slathered in chrome. Gale has talked of modifying the bed to

rise and better display all of this shiny goodness.

When Gale acquired this hot rod truck as part of his collection, it was in rough shape. His fleet manager, Robert Felton, went to work getting it back in shape and show ready, which I am sure involved hours and hours of polish and elbow grease, not to mention some mechanical knowledge.

Robert's work did not go to waste as the truck got its fair share of attention at last years World of Wheels show.

In the last year Gale has branched out his businesses to include Classic Cars and Race cars. His classic car company Holsman's Classic Cars includes an impressive collection such as '56 Chevy truck, '59 Corvette Convertible, '72 Chevelle Convertible and many more. To see all of our inventory visit us on line at www.classiccarskc.com. The collection includes a '57 Chevy frame off restoration rebuilt by Gale Holsman and Robert Felton.



How To Drive Safely In Snow And Ice

Oct 12, 2009 OnTheSnow.com by Roger Leo, Executive Editor

Rule No. 1 for driving in snow and ice is simple: Drive more slowly.

Other tips include keeping a greater distance from the car ahead, start slowing sooner for stops and turns, check traction periodically by tapping the brakes, and stay aware of conditions outside the car.

Is the temperature falling? Are conditions right for moisture in the air to condense and freeze on road surfaces, forming black ice that is slick but nearly invisible?

A car traveling 55 mph covers 81 feet per second. Distance between vehicles should double in marginal conditions, from one car length for every 10 mph of speed to two or three car lengths depending on just how bad conditions are. For example, on snow and ice, cars traveling 40 mph should be eight-to-12 car lengths apart.

If a car starts to slide when the brakes are applied, stop braking immediately, and apply the brakes again, but more slowly.

Steer into skids - which means if your car is sliding to the right, turn the wheel to the right until you have control, then gently steer back onto the road. Often there's time to pull off this maneuver; sometimes there isn't.

Nobody is born knowing how to drive, and this goes double for driving in slippery conditions. Safe driving on snow and ice is learned only through practice, and it's often best to practice on a real driving course where the consequences of a slide are not dire. Next best place to practice starting, turning, and stopping on snow? A large parking lot, empty of other vehicles. NPR's Car Talk hosts, Tom and Ray Magliozzi, say, "Even with good coolant, snow tires, stability control, all-wheel drive, and the bag of Doritos in the trunk, keep in mind that driving in snow, sleet, and ice is very treacherous. And even if you maintain control of your car, not everyone else will. So don't ever get lulled into a false sense of security. Do everything slowly and gently."

Plaza gears up for lighting ceremony

The plaza crew continues to battle leaves. We have gone several rounds and the fight continues. Special thanks to night crew and day crew for their continued efforts. The holiday season is upon us with many new temporary and permanent shops opening up for the holiday season. The lighting ceremony switch will be flipped by Jason Sudeikis, Saturday Night Live cast member and KC native. Switch will be flipped at 7:30pm, one hour later than last year. Special thanks to all those who will be setting up, working and cleaning this event. Thank you for helping make Kansas City's biggest event a success. Steve Graves would like to welcome Hugh Ruddick who will be working on the Plaza full time now. Ruddick has already been making a big difference ensuring the Plaza remains up to our standard of excellence.



Jason Sudeikis

Cuz baby look at you now!

Hugh Ruddick Dec. 3rd
 Jeff Devono Dec. 10th
 Joe McCoy Dec. 13th
 Jason McCrackin Dec. 17th
 Roger Johnson Dec. 17th
 Leon King Dec. 18th
 Eugene Mckinney Dec. 21st

Amber Roberts Dec 21st
 Nathan Wasmer Dec. 29th
 Joe Wiese Dec. 30th
 Joey Bias Jan 2nd
 Steve Graves Jan. 5th
 Neil Kinsey Jan. 19th
 David Waller Jan 27th

Another day another dollar!

Brandon Banuet Dec 12th 2 years
 Ernest Brown Jan 21st - 5 Years



Welcome Aboard Sherry Garrison

Sherry will be our new Systems Account Manager. Sherry comes to us with computer application development and sales experience. Her pride and joy are her dogs . With one English Mastiff and two other large mixed breeds, she has over 300 pounds of dogs in her home!

Sherry 's favorite past time is international travels. She has lived on the island of Maui for 7 years. In addition, she has been all over the world including Scotland, Spain, & Tokyo just to name a few.

We look forward to the contributions from our newest addition to our company.

December 2009						
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January 2010						
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American Companies Calendar	
DECEMBER	January
4th and 5th Mecum Auction.	1st Office closed for New Years
Catch the cars on HDTV Dec. 4th @ 7:20 & 7:50	14th Safety Meeting @ 5:00
17th Safety Meeting @ 5:00	
19th Holiday Party 6pm @ the shop	